GOOd 406 Lost in London?

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Here's Way Out! A DECADE ago, if you lost your umbrella on a bus, your spectacles on a tram, and your suitcase on the Underground, and wanted them back, you had to journey to three separate establishments in different parts of London to get

them.

With the formation of the London Passenger Transport
Board the whole of the lost property work was centralised
at one office, at Baker Street Station. Here, in the past ten
years, have come 2,907,967 articles, and no fewer than
1,046,599 have been claimed.

A STROLL round the bulging

Dead Men's Teeth Can Tell Tales

You would think, wouldn't you, that if a Professor of Chemistry decided to murder somebody he would be able to obliterate all clues, smother all trails, and by his knowledge eliminate all suspicion?

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But Professor John White Webster, Professor of Chemistry and Mineralogist at Harvard University, and of Chemistry at Boston Medical School, murdered his lifelong friend, Dr. Parkman, and forgot something.

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Webster, in 1849, was about sixty years of age. He had got into considerable debt to Parkman, and had also bortother-in-law, to whom he gave, as security, a cabinet of valuable minerals. This act, owing to the nature of the debt to Parkman, was dishonest, and Parkman began to press for his money.

In fairness to Webster, let it be said that Parkman was more than a nuisance in his method of demanding repayment of the few thousand dollars he had lent. He used to attend the classes at the School, sit in one of the front rows, and glare at Webster while the lecture was being given.

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Now, Professor Webster had accommodation at the Medical School for his own use, consisting of a laboratory, a private room and a toilet. Under the toilet was a vault, and next to it a room where dissections took place.

Professor Webster now changed his habits at the School. It was the false teeth that Up to that time he had lectured clinched the matter. When from Tuesdays to Fridays, but Webster was tried, the dentist not on Saturdays, Sundays or who had supplied Parkman Mondays. He now came to the School on Saturday and Sunas a witness. He came relucday, and even after Tuesday he tantly, for he was a friend of attended at his quarters; but both men, but he brought tests to the police (for these were shown to be his concoction), and prepare well that the false teeth that concoction is furnace? Well, he was not reprieved.

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Had he only known that, thrown into the furnace apart from the head, the teeth-moulds would have exploded, he might have got away with it. But the false teeth bit through his defence and gripped him, holding him prisoner.

Dr. Parkman was no common man to dispose of physically. He was six feet tall, angular, tough. His family came from Scotland and had settled in Boston, where his brother was a clergyman. He gave the land on which the Medical School was built.

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The authorities discovered that the Professor was at Harvard. They drove out to the university, and, by a ruse, got him into a cab. He was inside a police station before he knew who were his captors. And story who were his captors. And there, in the gaol, he was told of the discoveries, and also other incriminating material.

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Professor Webster was overwhelmed. In his excitement he asked, "Have they found the whole of the body?" a question that seemed somewhat significant. He broke down and bewailed the shock that his arrest would be to his family. Then he tried to poison himself, but although he managed to swallow a quantity, he was prevented from taking a fatal dose.

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On November 19th, 1849, Parkman called at the School, and there was a quarrel between him and Webster, which was heard by others. That was a Monday. It was agreed that they should meet on the Friday following, at 1.30 p.m. Dr. Parkman was seen to walk in the direction of the Medical School just before this time. But he was never seen again.

On the following Sunday, Professor Webster told Dr. Parkman's brother that Dr. Parkman had called on the Friday and had received 483 dollars as part-payment of the debt.

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tetermined to get inside the coursel to defend him. He pleaded Not Guilty.

Strangely enough, When Parkman's family were worrying about his disappearance, there appeared some curious letters addressed to the police. One tran:

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Dealing with splashes of blood on the laboratory wall, the defence said that Webster had been experimenting with nitrate of copper to show the effect of nitric acid on blood. But the defence did not explain why the blood was splashed on the wall!

he tried to poison himself, but although he managed to swallow a quantity, he was prevented from taking a fatal dose.

He was still a sick man when he was taken to his apartments so that he could be present at a further search. This revealed more evidence.

The police found a tea-chest filled with to his apartments, that there had been a scene, and that owing to Parkman's sneers and insults the Professor had struck him down in swift temper—and then had tried to dispose of the body.

ond it destroyed the belief they ad held in him.

Was his confession true? It can never be known now, but it seems to go dead against all the circumstances. The more one investigates this remarkable drama, the more one inclines to the theory that the murder was deliberately planned and carried out.

Why should Professor Webster ask Dr. Parkman to meet him in his laboratory that day? Why should Professor Webster make all over to the executioner he adpreparations, such as a teamitted that his sentence was chest of tan-bark, buy special cord for roping it, write illiterate letters to the police (for these were shown to be his concoction), and prepare his furnace?

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A STROLL round the bulging A STROLL round the bulging racks at "Baker Street" provides an illuminating side-light on the habits of travellers. Here are a few figures—some of which prove that passengers have become rather more careful of property which is rationed or couponed. In the first year of the war, when umbrellas were plentiful, 91,732 were lost. In 1943, only 28,096 came to the Lost Property Office. In 1939, 44,600 pairs of gloves were retrieved from vehicles, compared with 30,539 in 1943.

Miscellaneous dropped from 28,980 in 1939, to 18,961 last year. Perishable goods, being mainly rationed, fell from 1,236 to 386. items



keys—4,627, compared with 4,798; smokers' requisites—3,504 and 3,366. Rather surprisingly, the number of books lost has dropped from 22,152 in 1939 to 17,450 last year.

Sad though it is to lose some treasured article, the ten years' record of the work of London Transport's Lost Property Office contains many amusing items.

There was the man who went to "Baker Street" in search of his spectacles. The clerk behind the counter was able to find them for him, and very quickly, for they were still on his nose! Another traveller lost his umbrella on twelve occasions. "My old friend has again left me," he used to write. "Have you got him?" On the thirteenth occasion, alas, the umbrella was lost for ever.

are no longer carried.

Other interesting figures, not affected by coupons or rationing, include lost spectacles— prise, here are some of the 5,519 in 1939 and 5,334 in 1943; strange things which passen-

How do they lose them?

gers have lost in public service vehicles during the past ten

ears:

A chameleon, a chicken, a monkey, mice, cats and dogs, a rabbit (fortunately some lettuces were found on the same day!). £1,200 in pound notes, artificial legs, a female skeleton, a bottle of eyes in liquid, a burglar's outfit (complete with rope ladder, door wedges, jemmies, rubber shoes, gloves and keys), and a parcel containing money, each coin being wrapped in five scraps of paper. This parcel was claimed by a street vendor.

staff side-line for a transport underOffice surThe money accruing from the sale of unclaimed articles—
they are sold by public auction after three months—and the fees charged for claimed articles, go, in proportion, to the Staff Benevolent Fund and the remainder towards the costs of administering the Lost Property Office.

Derek Alexander

Here's a happy smile for A.B. Walter Edwards

And Doris tells us you're fond of chips, Walter, so this picture of her at a chipping machine will have a double appeal!

He left this world a little richer than he had found it—richer, that is, in medical jurisprudence, for his case became a classic.

PAGING Able Seaman Walter shaking the rugs. A slight Edwards, who hails from contretemps developed when 87 Powell Street, Park Village, your three-year-old niece, An-Wolverhampton. Here's a grand nette, came in tearful-eyed. It picture of your smiling sweet-seemed that she'd had a spot heart, Doris Mason, hard at of bother with some of her work in the canteen where she playmates, much to Annette's is employed.

She soon dried her eyes when Gladys presented her with a sticky sweet, and then the babe toddled off—doubtless to start another fracas in order to merit one more sweet!

By the time you read this Doris will have seen you on her holiday, and so it won't be much good our telling you that she is on the way, will it? After twelve months in the canteen Doris is very competent now, and confident that she can satisfy that appetite of yours.

"I've had plenty of experience in cooking now," she told us, "so Walter will be all right when we can settle down in our own little home. I'll look after the lad and see that he doesn't go hungry," was her parting shot. And, of course, Doris sends her fondest love.

J.S Newcombes Short odd But true

Alaska was sold by Russia to the U.S. in 1867 for £1,400,000, since which time it has produced more than £200,000,000 worth of gold, furs and timber.

Halo surrounding the sun or moon is due to the refraction of light by ice-crystals in the higher atmosphere. Solar halos are rainbow-hued; lunar halos are generally colourless.

The Five-Mile Act had nothing to do with early motoring. It prohibited a dissenting minister from preaching within five miles of "any corporate town, or of any place where he had preached since the Act of Oblivion, under a penalty of £40." The Act was repealed in 1689. in 1689.

Your criticism of Us is your own Right-Exercise it, **Brothers!**

Your letters are welcome! Write to "Good Morning" c/o Press Division, Admiralty, London, S.W.1

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THE SUDDEN E

TERVIS came back, followed by

sir, they threw him there," he added.

2. In the following first line of a popular song, both the words and the letters in them have been shuffled. What is is? Nowt si heter a ni het

is? Nowt si heter a ni het revant.
3. Altering one letter at a time, and making a new word with each alteration, change COAL into HOLE and then back again into COAL, without using the same word twice.
4. Find the hidden country in: You must trip or tug along till you get there.

Answers to Wangling

Words-No. 344

1. ParkIN.
2. Sing a song of sixpence, a pocket full of rye.
3. LARK, lard, lord, cord, cork, cook, coop, crop, CROW, brow, blow, blot, boot, bolt, bole, bore, bare, bark, LARK, 4. E-us-to-n, P-adding-to-n.

Corby," he was saying. "The man's mad. He came here to kill his son."

JERVIS came back, followed by a maid bringing towels and water, and Corby said with sudden irritation, "Clear the room, clear the room. There's a man seriously hurt here," and Moon and I went out.

In the hall I found Green and his companion just arrived. I told them what had happened, and the four of us stood talking in low voices.

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THE three of us, Mace, Jervis and I, were in anxious consultation in the office when the doctor reappeared in the hall. Palmer had amplified his story. He had had a hell of a time with the old man, who had stated frankly that he had come to kill Ivor.

We had decided that we must get Corby back to Oldford somehow,

Moon said that when they had broken into the room they had found it empty, but the rolled-back rug gave an instant clue. At the bottom of the ladder leading to the cellar he had found Palmer. "And it looked to me, sir, they threw him there," had broken to had gone home. "I'll try to humour him," he said, "and 'phone the station to get the police surgeon to meet him there."

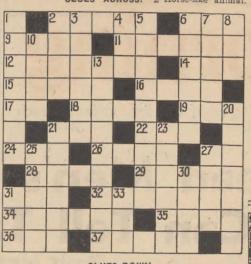
Open Verdict By Richard Keverne

him-and all for nought. John's gone

we tried to calm him. Mace certainly thought he was raving, so should I have done but for Jervis' remark. That brought sudden light to me. Mrs. Long's confession had been true except that for revenge she had accused Ivor instead of his father.

final determined to make a final appeal to the man," he said. "I met him but a few yards from his door and asked to have words with him. He refused my re-quest. He mocked me, waving a letter he held and saying that he was posting the evidence against my son Ivor to his solicitor then yet I refused to accept the affront. I waited for him near his house to return from the post to appeal once more. Again he refused me. I followed him into his house and he would have into his house, and he would have turned me out. Then I struck him. He would have died from the blow. The evidence I gave at his inquest was that which any knowledgeable practitioner would have given. You may accept that

CROSSWORD CORNER



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run at Epsom?

9. Name the film partners of
(a) Wheeler, (b) Laurel.

10. What is the common name for an eft?

11. Who invented the piano, and when?

12. All the following are real words except one; which is it? Phacon, Pecan, Phoca, Pheon, Peony, Peon, Pæan.

Answers to Quiz in No. 405

1. Sword.
2. (a) John Buchan, (b)
Marie Corelli.
3. Pigeon is not web-footed; others are.
4. Five.
5. Yellowstone National Park,
U.S.A.; 3,350 sq. miles.
6. 1821.
7. Approximate Articulate

6. 1821.
7. Arrowroot, Articulate.
8. St. Catherine's Point, Isle
Wight, 830 feet.
9. Lily.
10. C. Aubrey Smith.
11. Lough Neagh, in Northern of







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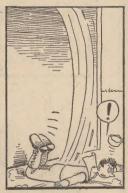




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JUST JAKE









STARS WHO CHANCE

By Dick Gordon

HOLLYWOOD is such a topsy-turvy, contrary, rule-smashing little town that almost any definite judgment may be proved wrong with the snap of a finger or a glimpse at the very next film to be released.

One could prove all this from many different angles, but just now let's take the old and much-quoted assertion that Hollywood's cardinal sins are headed by the fact that the movies always type their personalities.

Newcomers are told: "Be mighty careful that your first big break is in the sort of character you'd like to keep permanently, because you'll never have a chance to get away from it."

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from it."
So stars always play the same old character with slightly different dressings, do they? Well, let's make sure.
Take, for instance, the two stars who appear in "The Hour Before the Dawn" at Paramount. They are Franchot Tone and Veronica Lake. One picture back, Tone was a tough, fighting tank corporal in "Five Graves to Cairo." In his latest film he's a conscientious objector who doesn't believe in war, bloodshed or killing—but who gets converted by the film's end.



A picture ago, Veronica was a heroic U.S. Army nurse in "So Proudly We Hail," and gallantly sacrificed her life so others could live. Now, in "The Hour Before the Dawn," she is a ruthless, villainous, despised Nazi agent whom Tone is forced to strangle!

Things like that are always happening in Hollywood. A star reaches for tears in one picture, for laughs in another.
Claudette Colbert is one of these. Her whole career is one reversal of type after another, and makes versatility a useful word. She was just about the Queen of Comedy through three straight slapstick parts when she turned emotionally dramatic in "So Proudly We Hail." In the same picture, Paulette Goddard, long considered grooved in glamour roles, discarded all glamour and got down to grime and tatters.

Most surprising jolt to those who say Hollywood always types its players took place in bouncing, happy Betty Hutton. She rose to fame from boisterous comedy and shouted songs. Then right out of the blue Preston. Sturges made her the weeping, dramatic, noncomical, songless heroine of "The Miracle of Morgan's Creek."

Sturges is one who loves to break any semblance of type in the career of a star. In "The Palm Beach Story" he let Rudy Vallee get away from the mooning, crooning romantic guy to be a ridiculously funny prude. He pulled Henry Fonda out of "homespun" parts to be strictly a laugh-getter in "The Lady Eve." In the same picture, Barbara Stanwyck, always played as a fine actress, got her chance to be highly sexy and show her legs for the first time. Since then, Miss Stanwyck's attractive figure has been a high-light of other pictures.

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Jean Arthur, also, has crashed the glamour field lately. Never one to sacrifice fine acting for "leg display," she discarded her "type" for a measure of body display for "The More the Merrier."

Newcomers should have no fear about starting in any good part, because they won't have to stay put in the character they use as a debut.

debut.

After all, James Cagney, Brian Donlevy, Spencer Tracy and Clark Gable began as villains—tough gangsters.

Dorothy Lamour hasn't had to stay in a sarong for every picture, although the public still coaxes her back into one now and then. Ann Sothern and Walter Pidgeon started strictly as singers. Joan Crawford's first film appearances were as a dancer.

Alan Ladd has given up his gun-work and ruthless killing after the one or two pictures which skyrocketed him to fame. It was "heavy to hero" and no nonsense.

Good Morning

Your pre-view of R.K.O.'s Super Starlet Martha MacVicar





This
England
Looking over rich pastures of Suffolk towards
Cuckfield Church.



"I'm sure this hat will fall off if I hold my head up."



HIGH JUMPS AT THE DOWNS



